

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE COMMISSIONERS’ ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA ON MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2003. THE MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
- Vice Chairman Lee Kyle Allen
- Commissioner George Brown
- Commissioner Bill Harper
- Commissioner Perry Morris
- Commissioner M. Renée Sisk
- Commissioner Leon C. Staton

STAFF PRESENT:

- Harold Blizzard, County Manager
- George B. Sawyer, Assistant County Manager
- Richard F. Hemphill, County Finance Officer
- Ray H. Moser, Human Resources Director
- Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board
- James R. Sugg, County Attorney

Following the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Sisk moved to approve the minutes of May 19, 2003 regular session, as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Tax Releases

Craven County Tax Administrator, Ronnie Antry, submitted the following routine requests for tax releases. Commissioner Harper moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Credits

TAXPAYER NAME	TICKET #	AMOUNT
ARMSTRONG, NICHOLAS ADAM DID NOT OWN 1/1/2000	2000-0001345	\$ 203.74
BARRETT, EARLIS PROPERTY VACANT	2002-0002707	\$ 32.00
FERA, JUSTIN DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002	2002-0016118	\$ 222.39
HARRISON, MICHAEL R DID NOT OWN 1/1/2002	2002-0022355	\$ 18.66
WHITE, GARY L NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2001	2002-0053840	\$ 75.61
WHITE, GARY L NOT IN BUSINESS 1/1/2001	2001-0090837	\$ 84.13

6 – CREDIT MEMO (S) \$ 636.53

Budget Amendments

Craven County Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, submitted the following budget amendments for the Board’s approval. Commissioner Harper moved for their approval, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Finance

REVENUES	AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
101-0000-345-01-00 Article 39 1 Cent Tax	\$ 37,887.00	101-0501-400-40-00 Cont Ser	\$ 37,887.00
TOTAL	\$ 37,887.00	TOTAL	\$ 37,887.00

Justification: Audit by TRS of Hospital Sales Tax return resulted in additional sales tax revenue to the County in the amount of \$108,426.95. The fee was 35% resulting in a payment to TRS in the amount of \$37,887.00.

CBA Pass Through

101-0564-348-50-00 CBA Resolve	\$(1,732.00)	101-0564-450-91-04 CBA Resolve	\$(1,732.00)
TOTAL	\$(1,732.00)	TOTAL	\$(1,732.00)

Justification: Decrease in CBA funding due to facilitator fee decrease.

Register of Deeds

101-1001-357-67-00 10% auto enhance	\$ 14,000.00	101-1001-400-41-20 10% auto enhance	\$ 14,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 14,000.00	TOTAL	\$ 14,000.00

Justification: Auto enhancement funds are being budgeted to cover a Register of Deeds server.

Health/Lead Env

101-3133-357-09-00 Leas Service Fees	\$ 6,883.00	101-3133-420-32-40 Other Supplies	\$ 2,499.00
		101-3133-420-32-02 Data Processing Supplies	\$ 4,384.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,883.00	TOTAL	\$ 6,883.00

Justification: The fees for services exceeded estimated budget-The fees will be used to pay for laboratory supplies, env interventions and other supplies along with the purchase of two (2) ARCView-GIS network licenses.

Subdivisions for Approval

Craven County Planning Director, Don Baumgardner, submitted the following subdivisions for the Board’s approval. Commissioner Harper moved for their approval as requested, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

Linda Barrett Division – Final: The property, owned by Emeler Campbell and surveyed by Kendall Gaskins, is located within Twp 1 off of SR 1644 (Clark Road). The

subdivision contains 1 lot on 2.19 acres and the lot is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic system. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval.

Creekwood Phase III – Final: The property, owned by Trent River Builders and engineered by Avolis Engineering, is located within Twp 7 off of Oakley Drive. The subdivision contains 27 lots on 9.97 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and City of New Bern sewer. The Planning Board reviewed and recommended the subdivision for final approval.

Cherry Branch South Section Six – (Reapproval): The property, owned by Cherry Branch Ltd. and engineered by Thomas Engineering, is located within Twp 5 off NC Hwy 306. The subdivision contains 5 lots on 7.85 acres and is proposed to be served by community water and individual septic systems. The Planning Board recommended the subdivision for reapproval.

FY 2002 CDBG-Concentrated Needs Contract Award

A bid opening was held on May 20, 2003 for the installation of a septic tank system with large mound and pump for one unit. Bids were received from two contractors; WJ Foreman & Sons and D&D Septic Services. The results were as follows:

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dempsey Wallace 350 Mile Road Vanceboro	D&D Septic Service	\$11,600

Commissioner Harper moved to award the contract to D&D Septic Service, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried in a roll call vote.

PETITIONS OF CITIZENS

Ms. Sandy Hagan, representing a local committee attempting to acquire a charter for a Boys and Girls Club of America in Craven County, requested that the Board adopt a resolution in support of this effort. She advised the Board that the City of Havelock has donated the old recreation center as a site. Commissioner Allen moved to authorize a resolution of support to be forwarded to the Atlanta headquarters of Boys and Girls Clubs of America, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried.

Rev. Ray Griffin expressed appreciation to the Board for posting “In God We Trust”.

Ms. Ennis Evans requested adoption of the following proclamation proclaiming June 14, 2003 as Blueberry Day in Craven County. Commissioner Morris moved to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

***PROCLAMATION
OF BLUEBERRY DAY
IN CRAVEN COUNTY***

WHEREAS, the Town of Bridgeton will be celebrating its Seventh Annual Blueberry Festival on June 14, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the blueberry is a predominant crop in our area; and

WHEREAS, significant economic impact in Craven County is generated by the cultivation and marketing of the blueberry.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Craven County Board of Commissioners is proud to proclaim Saturday, June 14, 2003 as Blueberry Day in Craven County, and extends to Bridgeton best wishes for a successful Blueberry Festival.

Adopted this 2nd day of June, 2003.

Mr. Byrd Hinshaw addressed the Board concerning taxpayers’ continued support of North Carolina’s Eastern Region.

HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT CONGREGATE AND HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Joy Doshier, Finance Committee Chair for the Craven Aging Planning Board, presented the recommended HCCBG funding for FY 2004. She advised the Board that \$62,085 was recommended for USSI at a meal rate of \$6.6799 for congregate meals compared to an FY 2003 rate of \$6.6655 (\$102,711) and \$56,096 was recommended at a meal rate of \$4.9483 for Meals on Wheels as compared to an FY 2003 rate at \$4.5772 (\$89,651). She stated that the allocation is significantly lower than the previous year due to late submission of the required paperwork. The Board was advised that HCCBG has an additional \$70,188 unallocated at the present time. Until the final State budget is passed, the Craven Aging Planning Board requested to hold the funds and re-bid the available amount after all State cuts have been announced. Commissioner Allen moved to approve the funding proposal as follows, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

USSI FY 2004

	Original w/ match 15-April-03	Original w/o match 15-Apr-03	Aging App W/ match 24-Apr-03	Aging app w/o match 24-Apr-03	Revised Rates with match 30-Apr-03	Revised Rates w/o Match 30-Apr-03	Revised Rates with match 20-May-03	Revised Rates w/o Match 20-May-03
Congregate C1	\$ 120,000	\$ 108,000	\$ 68,983	\$ 62,085	\$ 68,983	\$ 62,085	\$ 68,983	\$ 62,085
Meal Cost	\$ 6.6655	\$ 6.6655	\$ 6.6655	\$ 6.6655	\$12.3294	\$12.3294	\$ 6.6799	\$ 6.6799
# of Meals	18003	16203	10349	9314	5595	5036	10327	9294
Home Delvd c2	\$ 96,667	\$ 87,000	\$ 62,329	\$ 56,096	\$ 62,329	\$ 56,096	\$ 62,329	\$ 56,096
Meal Cost	\$ 4.5772	\$ 4.5772	\$ 4.5772	\$ 4.5772	\$ 7.9158	\$ 7.9158	\$ 4.9483	\$ 4.9483
# of Meals	21119	19007	13617	12256	7874	7087	12596	11336

APPOINTMENTS

Clean Sweep Committee

The Board considered an appointment to replace Neil Scarborough on the Clean Sweep Committee, due to Mr. Scarborough’s resignation. Commissioner Staton nominated Ivett Jones of Havelock. Commissioner Brown moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried, with Ms. Jones being appointed by acclamation.

Nursing Home Advisory Committee

The Board was advised of the resignations of Ron and May Blatt. Commissioner Brown nominated Jason Jones to fill one of the vacancies. Commissioner Harper moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried, with Mr.

Jones being appointed by acclamation. The second vacancy was deferred until the Board's next agenda.

Down East Rural Planning Organization (RPO)

The Board received a request from the Eastern Carolina Council for the appointment of a third member to the Down East RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee to represent Craven County's Economic Developer. Commissioner Brown moved to defer this appointment until the next agenda, seconded by Commissioner Sisk and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2003-2004 BUDGET

At 7:30 p.m. the Board was declared in public hearing, as advertised, to receive input from the public concerning the proposed FY 2004 budget, which has been available for review in the Clerk's office since May 19, 2003. The Chairman established that each speaker would be allowed three minutes. The speakers were as follows:

1. *Erin George*, Director of the Sexual Assault Resource Center, appealed to the Board for consideration of the Center in the budget.
2. *Al Coley*, Board Member of Swiss Bear, appealed to the Board for consideration of Swiss Bear's needs in the upcoming budget.
3. *Barry Bauguess*, Executive Director of Craven Arts Council, requested that the Board remember the needs of the arts in the community as they finalize the budget.
4. *Michael Speciale* of Stately Pines, petitioned for a decrease of three cents on the tax rate in the FY 2004 budget.

At 7:40 p.m., there being no additional speakers, Commissioner Sisk moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENTS CONTINUED

Sexual Assault Resource Center

The Board was requested to consider reappointment of Francis "Bee" Mayo, James M. Russo, and Andrea Wheatley. Commissioner Allen nominated Ms. Mayo, Mr. Russo, and Ms. Wheatley for reappointment. Commissioner Brown moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried, with the three names being reappointed by acclamation. A fourth appointment to replace Ms. Jo Ann Shell, whose term is expiring and who does not wish to be considered for reappointment, was deferred until a recommendation is forthcoming from the Sexual Assault Resource Center.

Craven County ABC Board

Commissioner Staton nominated John "Curly" Brazelton for reappointment to the ABC Board. Commissioner Brown moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Harper and unanimously carried, with Mr. Brazelton being reappointed by acclamation.

Civilian Military Community Council

The Board was advised that the term of Rodman Williams, representing the mayors of Craven County municipalities, is due to expire on June 30th and the position is now due to rotate to another mayor. The Board's consensus was to defer consideration in order to get input from the mayors.

Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board

The Board was asked to consider Mr. Steve Hicks, who represents the business community, for reappointment and to make an appointment to replace Mr. John Canady, who is deceased, on the Workforce Development Board. Commissioner Brown nominated Steve Hicks for reappointment as a representative of business, and moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Commissioner Morris, with Mr. Hicks being reappointed by acclamation. Commissioner Staton nominated Alfreda Collins for the position of Mr. Canady; however, this appointment was deferred until Ms. Collin's eligibility for this position could be established. This position must be filled by someone who represents organized labor.

NC Eastern Region (Global Transpark)

The Board was advised of the expiring terms of Marvin Raines and Beatrice Smith. Mr. Raines indicated that he would not like to be considered for reappointment. Commissioner Staton nominated Beatrice Smith for reappointment. Commissioner Sisk nominated Alex Badger for appointment to fill the term of Mr. Raines, and Commissioner Harper nominated John Gallant to fill the term of Mr. Raines. In a roll call vote, Ms. Smith received five (5) votes from Commissioners Brown, Morris, Sisk, Staton and Sampson. Mr. Badger received six (6) votes from Commissioners Brown, Morris, Sisk, Staton, Allen and Sampson, there being two (2) votes for Mr. Gallant from Commissioners Harper and Allen.

Recreation and Parks Advisory Board

The Board was advised that the terms of Jeff Cannon, Donald Ipock, Mike Marks and Clyde Swindell are due to expire and that all expressed willingness to accept reappointment. Commissioner Brown nominated all of the above names for reappointment. Commissioner Morris moved to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried, with Mr. Cannon, Mr. Ipock, Mr. Marks, and Mr. Swindell being reappointed by acclamation.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney, Jim Sugg, presented the following resolution concerning disposition of airport property and requested that it be adopted. Commissioner Harper moved to adopt the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION OF CRAVEN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUTHORIZING PRIVATE NEGOTIATIONS AND SALE
OF A DWELLING HOUSE VALUED AT
LESS THAN \$30,000.00**

WHEREAS, Craven County ("County") is the owner of a parcel of land located at the Craven County Regional Airport ("Airport") upon which is situated a two-story house formerly owned by Fountain Hugh Hood and wife, Joyce Croucher Hood, which property was acquired for the purpose of an airport runway extension at the Craven Regional Airport Authority ("Airport Authority"); and

WHEREAS, the house located thereon has been determined by County and the Airport Authority to be surplus property; and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-266 authorizes the private negotiation and sale of the property; and

WHEREAS, the County adopts this resolution to secure for the County the fair market value of the personal property and to accomplish the efficient disposal of the

same. The County authorizes the Airport Authority to set its fair market value and to convey title to the property in accordance with this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE:

1. The property being disposed of consists of a two-story dwelling house presently located on Clermont Road located on a parcel entitled “Survey for Craven County Regional Airport,” prepared by Suitt & Associates, P.A., dated June 12, 2001, and recorded in Plat Cabinet G, Slide 121C, in the office of the Register of Deeds, Craven County, North Carolina, which survey map is incorporated herein by reference as part of this description.

2. The Airport Authority shall maintain such records as generally describe the house sold, to whom it was sold, and the amount of money or other consideration received for said sale of the house in accordance with the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-266.

3. This resolution shall be published in the *Sun Journal* one (1) time ten (10) days prior to the date set for sale by private sale.

Done this 2nd day of June, 2003.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Commissioner Sisk requested a report from the Economic Development Commission for an upcoming meeting. She also asked the Board’s agreement to change the June 16th regular meeting time from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. to accommodate the Commissioners’ attendance at a legislative breakfast, and moved to do so, seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Allen reported on his response to a citizen’s concern about Animal Services, which was received by all Commissioners.

Commissioner Sampson thanked County Attorney, Jim Sugg, and Commissioner Sisk for their attendance at recent activities in his honor, including a street naming ceremony.

At 8:05 p.m. a recess was declared.

At 8:10 the Board was declared back in regular session and Commissioner Brown moved to recess until 2:00 p.m. on June 11th, seconded by Commissioner Staton and unanimously carried.

Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board